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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Chisato KATO et al.)
Continuation of Serial No.: 08/016,979,) Group Art Unit: 2906
filed February 12, 1993) 2125
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned)
Filed: January 8, 2001) Examiner: B. Oakes
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR) S. Rao
FEEDBACK-ADJUSTING WORKING)
CONDITION FOR IMPROVING)
DIMENSIONAL ACCURACY OF)
PROCESSED WORKPIECES)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining this Rule 53(b) continuation application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is proposed to amend Figs. 17, 34c and 36 of the drawings as indicated in red on the attached prints.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, line 7, change "acts" to --act--

Page 4, line 15, change "provides" to --provide--

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